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"Rough Draft"!

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MINERAL KING PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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Dear Friends of Mineral King,

We are writing to let you know that we have kicked off the historical preservation effort in Mineral King, California..

Through the efforts of Jean Koch we were put in touch with a young historian by the name of John F. Elliot. John is also a Cultural Resource Specialist with considerable archaeological experience.

John Elliot spent the weekend of October 27 and 28th of this year reviewing the site of Mineral King. He is so thoroughly captivated by Mineral King and the history of the area that he is most willing and very eager to help us in our endeavors. John is most interested in the history of the cabins, the architecture of each and the families who have been envolved in Mineral King history over the past 100 years.

THE PURPOSE

The Mineral King Preservation Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to making better known and understood the natural and historic values of Mineral King. It receives no public funds nor is it supported by any private endowment. Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible.

OBJECTIVES

1. Preserve, maintain, and protect buildings and sites of historic interest.
2. To collect and preserve records, relics and other things of historic interest.
3. To establish a repository for photographs, documents and artifacts concerning Mineral King history, oral history and pioneer families
4. To research the history of historic structures and their inhabitants
5. To mark places of historic structures with suitable monuments and markers
6. To foster and promote public knowledge of and interest in the history of Mineral King.

PLEASE JOIN US NOW!

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(HISTORIAN)

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HOW TO JOIN US!

The Mineral King Preservation Society depends upon membership dues and contributions to support our preservation and education activities.

Individual .....$10.00 per year
FAMILY-Couples.....$15.00 per year

Please return this form with your membership contribution to:

Mineral King Preservation Society
2936 S. West St.
Visalia, Ca. 93277
(209)734-6150

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Name

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Address

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City State Zip

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Telephone

I would like to serve on the following committee(s)

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MINERAL KING PRESERVATION SOCIETY

October 11,1986

Dear Mineral King District Association members, Cabin Owners and Friends:

We have had to revise the historical information on the cabins in Mineral King with more pertinent details. Enclosed please find the information which we have on your cabin and if you would complete the additional information if needed. If you do not know,would you try to find out from former relatives, friends, etc. or where we can obtain them.

Our deadline is March 1, 1987 for the cabin histories to be completed! If you would like to send them sooner, please do. This information we are gathering would add to the history already collected by the Park Service.

Please send all information or anything you think might be important to :

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THANK YOU !

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Check-list on Cabin Histories: Cabin Number_____

1. Name/Address _____ Telephone #_____

2. Description of cabin, architecture material, remodeling jobs, one black/white photograph of your facade (identify your photo on backside).

3. Brief history of your cabin:

   a. When it was built (if not known, are there any living relatives of former owners you can contact?)

   b. Famous visitors (or personalities who had a hand in Mineral King, such as Walt Disney, Congressmen) anecdotes, etc, old clippings, photos, etc., artifacts from mines, etc. (which you could possibly donate in the future for an Interpretive Center. We need to compile an inventory).

   c. Is there a historical name for the cabin other than your name? Former site of another cabin?

   d. Atwell Mill lumber?

   e. Does anyone know the history of the "honeymoon" Cabin near the Mineral King Store site on the Disney property?

   f. Old photographs of the mining days, 1870's, 80's, 90's, old butcher shop and cabins in area, photos in 1900's, photos needed in Tom Mixter-Martin Dula Area, (those cabins unknown when built) W. Mineral King, Faculty Flat.

   (Earl Myers has offered to make copies of photographs for us, either you can send them or we will. All photographs should be sent registered mail--$1.50.

   His address is: Earl D. Myer
   Isbell Printing Co.
   2535 Jack Rabbit
   Tucson, Arizona 85745
   Phone (602) 792-2791

4. We have a deadline of March 1,1987 for the cabin histories to be completed and "in". If you would like to finish yours before the holidays that would be great too!

5. This information we are gathering would add to the history already collected by the Park Service.

Thank you,

The Mineral King Preservation Society

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